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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION

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FOR: IMAGE-RECORDING,

HYDROPHILIC COLORANTS, IMAGE-RECORDING, WATER-BASED COLORING COMPOSITIONS, IMAGE-RECORDING METHOD, AND IMAGE-RECORDING SYSTEMS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.